IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication terminal comprising:

acquiring means for acquiring a value entity accompanied by a public key corresponding to a ~~specific~~ private key;

receiving means for receiving an application electronically signed by the private key, through an ad hoc network;

verifying means for verifying the application through [[the]] use of the public key; and

transferring means for transferring the value entity through [[the]] use of the application when the verifying means successfully verifies the application.

2. (Currently Amended) The communication terminal according to Claim 1, wherein the verifying means initiates [[the]] verification of the application in conjunction with an opportunity where the receiving means receives the application, <u>and</u>

the communication terminal further ~~comprising~~ <u>comprises</u> starting means for starting the application in conjunction with an opportunity where the verifying means successfully verifies the application.

3. (Original) The communication terminal according to Claim 1, further comprising:

deleting means for deleting the application in conjunction with an opportunity where a predetermined time has elapsed since a time when the receiving means received the application.

4. (Currently Amended) The communication terminal according to Claim 1, further comprising:

deleting means for, ~~where~~ <u>when</u> a communication with a sender of the application is disconnected after the reception of the application by the receiving means, deleting the application in conjunction with an opportunity where a predetermined time has elapsed since the disconnection of the communication.

5. (Currently Amended) A value entity providing server comprising providing means for providing a value entity accompanied by a public key corresponding to a ~~specific~~ private key, through a cellular network, for the communication terminal as set forth in Claim 1.

6. (Original) The value entity providing server according to Claim 5, wherein the providing means transmits the public key separately from the value entity to the communication terminal, prior to the provision of the value entity.

7. (Original) The value entity providing server according to Claim 5, wherein the public key is posted on a server accessible from a plurality of terminals through the cellular network.

8. (Original) The value entity providing server according to Claim 5, further comprising second verifying means for verifying integrity of the communication terminal before the providing means provides the value entity.

9. (Original) An application delivery server comprising:

application transmitting means for transmitting the application through the ad hoc

network to the communication terminal as set forth in Claim 1; and

value entity acquiring means for acquiring the value entity transferred by the

transferring means of the communication terminal, through the ad hoc network.

10. (Original) The application delivery server according to Claim 9, further

comprising:

receipt transmitting means for, when the value entity acquiring means acquires the

value entity, transmitting receipt data electronically expressing receipt of the value entity, via

the ad hoc network to the communication terminal.

11. (Original) The application delivery server according to Claim 9, further

comprising third verifying means for verifying integrity of the communication terminal

before the transmitting means transmits the application.

12. (Currently Amended) An electronic procurement supporting method comprising:

~~an acquiring step wherein a communication terminal makes~~ acquiring ~~means acquire~~ a

value entity accompanied by a public key corresponding to a ~~specific~~ private key;

~~a receiving step wherein the communication terminal makes~~ receiving ~~means receive~~

an application electronically signed by the private key, through an ad hoc network;

~~a verifying step wherein the communication terminal makes~~ verifying ~~means verify~~

the application through [[the]] use of the public key; and

[[a]] transferring ~~step wherein, when the verifying means successfully verifies the~~

~~application, the communication terminal makes transferring means transfer~~ the value entity

through [[the]] use of the application <u>when the application is successfully verified.</u>

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13. (Currently Amended) An electronic procurement supporting program which can be executed by a communication terminal, the electronic procurement supporting program ~~letting the communication terminal substantialize:~~ performing steps comprising:

~~an acquiring function of~~ acquiring a value entity accompanied by a public key corresponding to a ~~specific~~ private key;

~~a receiving function of~~ receiving an application electronically signed by the private key, through an ad hoc network;

~~a verifying function of~~ verifying the application through [[the]] use of the public key; and

~~a transferring function of~~ transferring the value entity through [[the]] use of the application when the application is successfully verified ~~by the verifying function~~.